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## FRANK HOPFNER RITES HELD ON MONDAY

EARLY DAY RANDOLPH SETTLER  
DIED EARLY FRIDAY OF  
HEART AILMENT

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at St. John's Lutheran church in Groton for Frank Hopfner, who died at his home here early Friday of a heart ailment from which he had suffered for a long time. Officiating at the service was the Rev. J. E. Schwarting, pastor of the church, and two vocal solos were contributed by Miss Gloria Eske. Burial was in the Groton union cemetery.

Pall bearers were: Fred Frommel, Chas. Gengerke, Andrew Goodman, George Karnopp, William Rock and A. J. Schuelke.

Mr. Hopfner was a native of Oconomowoc, Wis., born there May 13, 1863, and he grew to manhood in that vicinity. In 1887 he sensed the need for horses in Dakota and shipped a carload to Groton for resale. He liked the country and concluded to remain, finally buying a farm in the Randolph vicinity, which later became his home for about 20 years.

It was while he resided there that he became widely known as a successful thresher, operating a machine for about 15 years in company with Owen Edwards.

He was married to Miss Tena Eske in 1898 and one child, a daughter, was born to the union. The pair remained on the Randolph farm until 1920, when they removed to Groton which has been their home since then. During his residence here the deceased continued to supervise the operation of his farm, but was retired from the more strenuous activity of earlier years.

He made many new friends in Groton, his pleasant-spoken and quiet ways winning the esteem of all with whom he came in contact. But he was a man of the old school—a man who had convictions and stayed by them and who dared to be himself at all times.

Scrupulously honest in all dealings he still accumulated a competence, not by niggardliness, for he was quite often ready to give a less fortunate neighbor a bit of help, but rather through good judgment and a flair for managing business affairs well.

Immediate survivors are his wife of this city, and a daughter, Miss Rose, of River Forest, Ill. Surviving also is William Hopfner, a brother. A sister and two brothers preceded him in death.